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Minor Hockey Banquet Features Trio from Canada's Olympic Team

Over 175 young hockey hopefuls had a memorable night last week at the Minor Sports Association's annual banquet. Three members of Canada's Olympic hockey squad ate, talked and mingled with the boys and even left autographed photos for every one of them.

Charlie Booker, "Butch" Martin and Charlie Klink made last Thursday night's banquet an exciting finale to this season's ice activity for Acton's minor pucksters. The Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen described highlights of the Olympic hockey competitions this winter at Cortina, Italy, and juggled a barrage of questions, relayed from the boys by Don Bexton, covering wide angles of wonderment.

The boys will be fed by the Ladies Legion Auxiliary with hot dogs, ice cream and chocolate milk, heard the Canadian hockey representatives voice personal thanks for the banquet and the three winners of Acton given their team on the return trip home from Milton. The young players listened intently while Don Bexton queried the three Dutchmen on style of European hockey and playing conditions.

Thanks for Assistance Association president Herb Woods, who spoke the organization's thanks to managers, referees,

committee members and all who helped the minor league through the season, thanked the three winners. Secretary George Hollinger also thanked G. W. McKenzie and F. Hunter for their co-operation and work with the league through the winter.

On behalf of his fellow players, George Oakes presented the guests with a small gift from the Association.

Bob Cox, captain of the winning senior group team, accepted the Acton Legion trophy from Legion president Vic Patrick. The George Molozzi trophy was accepted by Keith Mainprize, captain of Eric Marks' winning intermediate team in the junior group, the winning team was coached by Johnnie Mellon, with captain Gerald Weick accepting the Acton Creamery trophy.

The Jack Kentner trophy for the most sportsmanlike player was won by Ron Mellon. It was presented by Jack Kentner's young son. A new trophy, presented by the Acton Legion for sportsmanship in the junior group, was awarded to Jimmy Bullough and was presented by G. W. McKenzie.

Films of some of the games at the winter Olympics were shown to the boys to conclude the evening.

Paving of All or Big Part of Town Streets May Be Done This Year



TROPHIES FOR SPORTSMANSHIP were among the awards made at last week's Minor Sports Association Banquet which was highlighted by the presence of three Canadian Olympic hockey players, shown here with Jim Bullough and Ron Mellon who won trophies for sportsmanship. The Kitchener-Waterloo Dutchmen are, left to right, Charlie Broer, "Butch" Martin and Beryl Klink.

Council Compares Paving To Maintenance Cost Now

The possibility of paving all or a large part of Acton's scarred streets this year was raised in council Monday night when Mayor E. Tyler urged the roads committee to gather cost estimates for study. Up to now, only three short roads, Knox Ave., Park Ave. and a strip of Mill St. W. have been slated for hardtopping this year in the gradual program of paving.

Council briefly viewed mounting maintenance bills and heard the suggestion it might be more economical to bear the delinquent debt on paved streets than to put up year after year with rising maintenance costs. Clerk McGeehan was also asked to contact the Highways Department regarding grants.

The matter was raised when Councillor R. N. Brown spoke of types of topping to treat the streets with this year. Several members disagreed with any thought of returning to use of calcium and maintained the oil and gravel had proven less expensive and more durable.

Schedule of work was discussed with Foreman A. Kirkness, who suggested pot holes might be more economically and thoroughly filled by use of a compressor. The roads committee was also asked to investigate purchasing rather than renting this machine.

In the meantime, repair of winter's wear on the streets is to continue. Councillors W. Cook and S. Brunelle viewed the discussion with Councillor Cook reporting several bad spots on streets in need of attention.

Midway through the talks on roads an exchange flared up between Councillors Cook and Brown when the former criticized the latter for not being a full member of the road committee. Councillor Brown said to answer that as chairman of the committee, he knew what he was doing and pointed out there had not been a meeting since roads had just now come to the state where work could be started.

Mayor Tyler suggested a committee meeting be held as soon as possible.

Debenture or Not? P.U.C. Uneasy on This Question

Hold Surprise Party For 80th Birthday

A delightful surprise party was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Everdell in honor of their grandmother, Mrs. Lydia Everdell, on the occasion of her 80th birthday. Games were enjoyed during the evening followed by a delicious lunch, complete with birthday cake and candles. Following this her two great granddaughters, Ruth Everdell and Sharon Stewart, presented her with a gift from all present.

Those attending were Mrs. Wilma Anderson and Mrs. Helen McDonald, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stewart, Sharon and Steven, Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Stewart, Mrs. H. McCutcheon, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Everdell, Ruth and Ricky of Acton.

Urban Bd. Holds Informal Talks On Education

North Halton Urban Board members halved themselves in a round table talk on education last night at a meeting in Acton. The conversation rose out of a notice of a public meeting of the recently-formed high school consultative committee which will hold an open forum in Milton court house later in May.

Using education costs, methods of school taxation, area high school facilities, enrollment, academic standards, teachers' qualifications, student discipline and conduct all figured in the rambling talks. Socialization of the entire educational system was even discussed, as was what one member described "the text book racket".

No proposals or decisions came out of the meeting to take to the consultative committee session.

Early in the meeting, the Board ordered F. Pallesen, Acton-Milton engineer, paid \$33.04 on mileage for March.

It was reported the Oakville and District Humane Society has received a cheque for dog control services and purchase of a new truck from the three towns. Members expressed satisfaction with the first reports of the Society's work in this area.

Secretary J. McGeachie brought to the Board's attention a letter from the Department of Labor dealing with the Trench Excavator's Act. The letter asked an inspector be appointed to enforce regulations of the act in private and public works where digging is done. No action was taken on this request.

Briefly touched on was the "trailer camp problem". Acton members noted their town has a rigid by-law.

Brigade Battles Two Grass Fires

Two grass fires in Acton's rural fire areas, following two similar blazes last week, again brought local firemen out this week to control flames breaching over quickly drying grass.

A grass fire behind the Molancon home, west of Eden Mills, spread out of control late Sunday afternoon and the fire brigade was called. Many cars followed the truck along the highway, through the lovely little village of Eden Mills and down a narrow road to the fire. Cars were still arriving as others left.

Wednesday, shortly after noon, an alarm was sent in to fight a spreading grass fire on the farm of R. MacDonald, 4th Line of Esquesing. A large hilly pasture area was burning behind a new house which was threatened for awhile. The fire was believed to have spread from the township dump nearby. Georgetown firemen also answered the alarm.

Parks Board Passes 155 to 6 Over 90 Per Cent. of Voters Stay Home

Over 90 per cent of Acton's 177 eligible voters failed to exercise their democratic privilege on Monday when the formation of a park commission for the town was put up for the decision of citizens. While 164 men and women came to the town hall to register a near-unanimous decision in favor of the parks commission, 1552 stayed home.

As far as can be recalled, this is the worst showing Acton has ever made in a vote.

Although 200 had signed a petition to hold the vote less than that cast balloted.

Of the 164 voters, 155 were in favor of the parks commission with six against. Three ballots were spoiled by improper markings.

Question was: Are you in favor of the Council of the Town of Acton setting up a Board for the management and control of all Municipal Parks in the Town of Acton?

The board now authorized will have seven members including the Mayor as ex-officio, and six members approved by council. The board will control development and administer the town's present and future park lands.

Volunteer returning officers and poll clerks were Mrs. H. H. H. Mrs. George Fryer, Mrs. Ray A. Mrs. Bob Martin, Mrs. David Dill, Cameron Leishman, Clarence Rogvaldsen and George Hollinger.

L. Braida Wins Two Scholastic Awards

Leno Braida, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abele Braida, 173 Main Street South, has recently been awarded a Shell Oil Company Research Fellowship valued at \$2,300 and an Ontario Research Foundation scholarship valued at \$1,000.

In 1955 he graduated in Chemical Engineering at the University of Toronto and attained his B.Sc. degree. He is now working towards his Masters of Applied Science and Engineering degree at the University and will continue his studies towards a doctorate degree. Born in Acton, he attended public and high school here.

Acton friends join in congratulations on this fine achievement.

Everyone Is Losing As Daylight Saving A Full Hour Taking

That springtime puzzle is with us again this week-end. Whether to stick the clock ahead or behind, whether we lose an hour or gain an hour, whether we go to church an hour earlier or an hour later.

Well, the clock is set ahead an hour—thereby losing one—and if it's done last thing Saturday night, you should get to church next morning on time.

According to proclamation Daylight Saving time doesn't officially start until 2 a.m. Sunday and it continues to September 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Freeman 60 Years Married, Celebrate this Sunday

One of the few district couples now living to celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Freeman, 5th Line of Esquesing, look back on 60 years of married life, 42 of them spent in this county.

Sunday the celebrants will look forward to meeting friends and well-wishers when family and neighbors gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman's son, Frank, who lives on the farm north of his parents on the 5th Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were born in England, where they married on April 27, 1896. They came to Canada in 1908, and for a while lived in Islington and Englehart before taking up farming here in 1914.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman have one son, Frank, and one daughter, Mrs. A. Stoeck (Elsie) of Toronto. They have three grandchildren. Mr. Freeman has one brother, Christopher, living in Toronto, a brother Clinton in Niagara Falls, and two brothers living in England.

Mrs. Freeman, 87, and her 84-year-old husband have already received many expressions of congratulations.

Lake Shore Crowded With Smelt Fishers

The run of smelts at Bronte attracts many fishermen this week. They joined a crowd of rubber-boated men on the shores of Lake Ontario and on the dock, scooping the fish into nets.

Smelt fishing makes good fish stories. Many all of catching the smelts with their hands to fill bushels. Nets are broken by their weight.

To Call Fire Hall Addition Tenders

Another possibility which hovered out of Tuesday night's business is a new fire hall. A plan prepared by the town engineer was laid out over Councillors' also heard specifications read on the building approved by the Town Council. The new hall would be \$20,000. The new hall would be an addition to the present fire department quarters.

Council approved a motion instructing the engineer to prepare the necessary detailed plans and specifications in order that tenders might be sought.

Mayor Tyler reported to council that the latest attempt to settle the long standing Bratke case has failed. Mr. Bratke, who the Mayor said, will not accept a cheque for settlement until the town is satisfied. Councillors still trying to find a way out without court procedure, agreed to try yet another meeting this time with the Lakeview contractors.

Council ordered preparation of a by-law which would authorize agreement to an agreement of settlement for the town on three lots in the Lakeview subdivision.

Clerk McGeehan summarized a report on a meeting with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation officials called to discuss the town's tax situation when subdivision builders here were warned further plans may be cut off.

Interest Rate Up; Town Lot Tax Due

Members acknowledged notice of the Mayor and Reserve annual convention, also a letter from the Bank of Montreal advising an increase in the rate of interest on the town's debt from 4 per cent to 4 1/2 per cent.

Highways from the Department of Highways for the section of three town lots, a project sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce was received. A letter was also received from public school inspector I. J. Skerrett regarding a meeting held last week at Milton of the county-wide high school committee.

Delayed by the city of Hamilton for \$47,000 taxes on a lot owned in Hamilton by the town, members agreed a real estate agent in Hamilton should be contacted in an effort to sell the lot.

Council read a letter from C. A. Meadows regarding equipment of the Urban Board, endorsed by Acton Council, and endorsing the quality of county roads.

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No Rise on County Road Criticism

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Two Autos Collide At Mill, Main Sts.

A minor accident occurred at the corner of Mill and Main Sts. Sunday evening involving two cars.

Constable M. Harnes investigated a collision of cars driven by M. Englert, Guelph, and C. Blackford, St. Catharines. About \$100 damage was caused the Blackford car. No injuries were reported.



LENO BRAIDA, native Acton, is now studying at the University of Toronto, has been awarded a total of \$3,300 in fellowship and scholarship incentive to continue towards a doctorate degree in chemical engineering.

Art Padbury, Moffat Prepares For Census

Art Padbury of Moffat, Census Commissioner for Halton County, is presently making preparations for the 1956 census throughout all areas of the county. He is presently rounding up and preparing his two field supervisors and 48 enumerators for the tremendous task of knocking on every door in the county to ask pertinent questions.

There will be six enumerators in Burlington, seven in Oakville, two in Milton, three in Georgetown, two in Acton, and the rest will cover the county.

Near the end of May all the enumerators will go to "school" for final prompting before the census begins. Schools will be set up in Acton, Oakville, and Burlington to accommodate the enumerators for their last-minute pep-talks.

More information regarding the census will be released later.